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Statement

Ever since the international community adopted the Millennium Development Goals about 15 years ago, its continuous work towards their implementation has made a huge impact, not only on the perception of development, but also on application methods and techniques in the international development field. The introduction of the Goals has resulted in a new idea of development for all stakeholders: States, organizations and individuals. This new idea has made the old forms of temporary assistance evolve into a more advanced and interactive system of development programmes that have yielded sustainable outcomes.

During this period, Kimse Yok Mu has striven to structure and implement its humanitarian and development assistance in such a way as to maximize its humble contribution to the fulfilment of the Goals. Through direct humanitarian aid in disaster and war situations and underdeveloped regions and sustainable development programmes on vulnerable children, clean water, education, health care and capacity-building, Kimse Yok Mu has served thousands in 110 countries, working on all eight Goals.

However, through our intensive and vast experience, we have observed that security issues are one of the main challenges in developing or underdeveloped regions. Political instability and weak security structures affect all stakeholders. First, the ability of organizations to work and continue their activities in such environments decreases hugely. Second, the level of trust of the target population of the States in which they live and of the organizations that work in the area influences the success of the Goals. By working in close contact with local people, volunteers, authorities and international organizations, we try to minimize the negative effects of the security problems on our work, especially education and health projects.

Another issue is unavailability of reliable information on the populations concerned and problems of processing the information at hand. In order to achieve projects and programmes, dependable data are highly needed. In regions where people do not have identification cards or there is no State bureaucracy, implementing and monitoring activities are compromised. Besides implementation, monitoring is key to measuring the impacts of the work that an organization does. We create and use our own data in order to evaluate the results of the programmes.

Lastly, coordination and cooperation have great importance in meeting the Goals. Success shrinks when individual efforts cannot offer a combined solution to the problems faced. Organization-wide and State-wide cooperation and sharing of information reduce the risk of crises. Shared responsibility forces stakeholders to be more accountable and transparent, which improves the quality of the targeted outcomes. In order to reduce the risks, we inform all related authorities and United Nations organs and agencies, in addition to establishing cooperation with local organizations and volunteers in the field.

It is important to note that challenges help organizations and institutions to become better at what they do. As Kimse Yok Mu, we are looking forward to establishing partnerships and working closely with the relevant United Nations agencies, most notably the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the United Nations Development Programme, in order to overcome those challenges and reach as many in need as possible.